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Dr. Robert Bahmer
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The National Archives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Bahmer,

Document 1538 is the October 14, 1964 letter from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin that, among other things, transmits galley proofs of the second instalment of an interview-article with Normal Similas in the now-defunct Canadian magazine Liberty. Mr. Hoover's letter says he forwarded to the Commission two copies of these galley proofs. Missing from the copies furnished me are four pictures taken by Similas and described in the text.

Investigation in Canada indicates that the prints of these pictures were attached to themanuscript. Therefore, they should have been in the material supplied to the FBI. In turn, the FBI should have supplied these to the Commission. I am asking that the files be checked to see if these pictures are there, perhaps with the second set of the proofs, if not elsewhere. If they are not, may I ask that you request them of the FBI? They would seem to be covered by the order of the Attorney General of October 31, 1966. My information that these pictures were included comes from the responsible person on Liberty, who apparently is not mentioned in the FBI reports and letters.

Document 1534 is an FBI report dated September 25, 1964, reporting an FBI interview with one Colin Davies, "Reporter and photographer of the Toronto Telegram". Investigation made for me in Canada seems to indicate that there was been no one by this name in the employ of that paper going back as far as 1875. It also indicates that no person of this name has been employed by any other Toronto paper and that no person of that name can be located.

This is a paraphrase report in the Commission's files. I am asking for the original report from which it was prepared. Normally, the original reports do give the names and addresses of the persons interviewed. The original report also would seem to be covered by the Attorney General's order, for the FBI acted as the Commission's investigative arm and anything considered by it was considered for the Commission. If the FBI has failed to provide this to the Archives, it would seem to me that persuant to this order it should have been done and now should be. I am, therefore, asking for a copy of it. This is important to me, for if the investigation made for me is in error, I regard it as an error that should be established. Otherwise, it will seem as though in its investigation of the murder of the President the FBI is quoting a non-existent person.

If any additional documents have come to light since I made the request for all information on Similas and his pictures and copies of them, I would appreciate copies. Also, anything on Davies, Kenneth Armstrong and Albert Plock, that is related.

I would also like copies of any files relating to the Minutemen, particularly in Sanm Antonio, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Weisberg